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I am writing as a physician licensed to practice within the state of CT on behalf of the current bill to allow the practice of homeopathy by nationally board certified homeopaths. I have practiced internal medicine, pulmonary, and critical care medicine in CT since completing my training at University of CT in 1991. I have had direct personal and professional exposure to and experience with homeopathy since 2000. I have been an attending at Hartford Hospital, John Dempsey, and St. Francis hospitals and have worked in numerous hospitals throughout the state. With regards to homeopathic medicine, I have seen firsthand the value of using homeopathic medicines for a variety of acute and chronic conditions without the serious side-effects often seen with pharmaceutical agents. As well, I have used homeopathic medicines in a hospital ICU setting for serious pulmonary disease and have seen favorable outcomes.

I support the practice of homeopathy by board-certified homeopathic practitioners. The education, training and testing of these practitioners is rigorous. I would hesitate to send my patients to anyone not board-certified and feel that this bill will allow for the safe and effective practice of this discipline if prescribed by practitioners who have completed their training and supervision and have passed the national certifying exam, which as I understand it, includes written and oral exams as well as the submission of cases with long-term follow up and clinical supervision.

Respectfully,

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